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Prakash P. Mathew, et al.

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SYSTEM AND METHOD

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§ Examiner: Larose, Colin M.

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Patrick S. Yoder

Sir:

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I, Patrick S. Yoder, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney at the law firm of Fletcher Yoder in Houston, Texas. I am a registered patent attorney. My U.S. Patent and Trademark Office registration number is 37,479.
2. My business address is 7915 FM 1960 West, Suite 330, Houston, Texas 77070.
3. I prepared the above-identified patent application, and filed the same.

4. Prior to September 23, 2003, Fletcher Yoder was engaged to prepare and file the above-identified application. Upon the engagement of Fletcher Yoder, the above-identified application was duly docketed for preparation in the ordinary course of business. In the course of this engagement, a review of the disclosure materials and telephonic interviews were conducted with the inventors in the course of preparing the above-identified application for filing. As part of this preparation process, several email correspondences took place between myself and the inventors of record in an effort to prepare the above-identified application for filing. A selection of relevant e-mail correspondences is described below.

5. On August 14, 2003, I received an inquiry from Mr. Prakash Mathew, an inventor of record, with regard to the preparation of the above-identified application. A redacted copy of this correspondence attached hereto as Exhibit A.

6. On August 19, 2003, I responded to Mr. Mathew's inquiry and informed him that I was in the process of drafting and preparing the above-identified application. This correspondence can be found in Exhibit A.

7. On November 15, 2003, I sent a first draft of the above-identified application to the inventors of record for review. I also sent a set of formal papers, including assignment and declaration papers, to be executed by the inventors. A redacted copy of this e-mail is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

8. Upon receiving the executed formal papers, I filed the above-identified patent application on November 26, 2003.

I declare further that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge, are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Pat Yoder [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2003 7:46 AM

To: Mathew, Prakash (MED)

Cc: Samara, Yaseen (MED, GEMS-IT)

Subject: RE: Status of 133276 and 133277 ?

Prakash,

I have these laid out, but just have not completed them yet. Realistically, this will bleed over to next month. I'm personally working on these and will complete them as soon as I can. Please do not hesitate to follow up, but this work is on my very short list for completion.

Thanks,

Pat

-----Original Message-----

From: Mathew, Prakash (MED) [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2003 6:10 PM

To: 'Pat Yoder'

Cc: Samara, Yaseen (MED, GEMS-IT)

Subject: Status of 133276 and 133277 ?

Importance: High

Hi Pat,

Just wondering about the status of the drafts for these cases...

Thanks,

_prakash

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: [REDACTED]

To: Mathew, Prakash (MED); Samara, Yaseen (MED, GEMS-IT)

Subject: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

EXHIBIT B

- String E-mail Redacted -

Pat Yoder

From: Mathew, Prakash (MED) [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 02, 2003 12:26 PM
To: Pat Yoder
Cc: Samara, Yaseen (MED, GEMS-IT)
Subject: RE: (GE docket 133276ITand 133277IT; our file GEMS:0234 and GEMS: 023 5)

Hi Pat,

[REDACTED]

Thanks,
_prakash

-----Original Message-----

From: Pat Yoder [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2003 1:31 PM
To: Samara, Yaseen (MED, GEMS-IT); Pat Yoder; Mathew, Prakash (MED)
Subject: RE: (GE docket 133276ITand 133277IT; our file GEMS:0234 and GEMS: 023 5)

[REDACTED]

Thanks again,

Pat

-----Original Message-----

From: Samara, Yaseen (MED, GEMS-IT) [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2003 12:16 PM
To: 'Pat Yoder'; Mathew, Prakash (MED)
Subject: (GE docket 133276ITand 133277IT; our file GEMS:0234 and GEMS:023 5)

Pat, Prakash

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Yaseen

-----Original Message-----

From: Pat Yoder [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 15, 2003 5:50 PM
To: 'Mathew, Prakash (MED)'
Cc: Samara, Yaseen (MED, GEMS-IT)
Subject: draft patent application (GE docket 133276IT; our file GEMS:0234)
Importance: High

Prakash,

As we discussed, we have proceeded to prepare a patent application for the referenced matter,

relating to obfuscation of patient and other data from reconstructed images. Please find attached a copy of the application for your review and for review by the other co-inventors. Also attached are the Assignment and Declaration documents for review and signature by all inventors. I have also attached a .pdf file containing the drawings referred to in the application. Finally, I have attached a Notice regarding our obligations to the Patent and Trademark Office whenever we file new patent applications.

Please review the application for completeness and accuracy, and ask the other co-inventors to do the same. Please keep in mind the points brought out in the attached Notice. Once you have reviewed the application, please call me with any questions or comments at [REDACTED]. If you find the application complete and accurate, please print, sign and date the Assignment and Declaration documents, and have the other co-inventors do the same (noting that the Assignment should be notarized when each of you signs it).

Once signed PLEASE FAX THE ASSIGNMENT AND DECLARATION DOCUMENTS TO ME AT [REDACTED] (and retain a copy for your records-and in case we need them resent). I would also ask that you drop the documents in the mail to my office at the address below. We can file faxed copies, but must retain originals. IF NECESSARY, THE VARIOUS INVENTORS MAY SIGN DIFFERENT PHYSICAL COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS. I will need all such copies faxed and mailed back to me, however.

[REDACTED] Accordingly, I would like to receive the signed documents for filing by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2003, AT THE LATEST.

Again, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email me. [REDACTED]

Thanks again for your help and hard work. I look forward to your feedback.

Pat

Patrick S. Yoder

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